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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL DATA BY NASA AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) GUATEMALA 1920, (B) GUATEMALA 1991

1. IN ADDITION TO REQUESTS CITED REFTELS, NASA/AMES HAS RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM SAM PONIS (REPUTEDLY U.S. CITIZEN IN GUATEMALA HAVING SOME CONNECTION WITH INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO AS WELL AS CONSULTANT WITH PRIVATE OIL COMPANY) REQUESTING PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF OIL CONCESSION AREAS TO BE FINANCED BY OIL COMPANY WITH DATA MADE AVAILABLE TO GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT.

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2. WE BELIEVE ALL THESE REQUESTS STEM FROM CONFUSION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FLIGHT TIME FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES DESCRIBED IN NASA FLIGHT REQUEST. NASA HAD NOT FULLY COMMITTED ALL FLIGHT TIME BUT THIS DUE ONLY TO FACT THEY WERE HOPING TO FIRM-UP REMAINING TIME BASED ON INPUT FROM GUATEMALAN INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO NACIONAL REGARD-

DING THEIR INTEREST IN SPECIFIC MAYAN SITES. IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT MEANT TO OPEN DOOR TO NUMEROUS SECONDARY REQUESTS FOR OTHER TYPES OF DATA GATHERING.

3. NASA DOES NOT AS GENERAL PRACTICE, UNDERTAKE REIMBURSABLE MISSIONS UNLESS PROPOSALS ARE OF SCIENTIFIC MERIT AND OF INTEREST TO NASA. NASA WOULD NOT IN ANY EVENT BE IN POSITION TO HONOR REQUESTS FOR DATA FROM PRIVATE FIRMS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

4. PRESENT AIRCRAFT COMMITMENTS PREVENT EXTENDED STAGING FOR ADDITIONAL DATA GATHERING. THERE IS ALSO NOT SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT ADEQUATE REVIEW OF PRESENT REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND CONCLUSION OF NECESSARY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS.

5. IF EMBASSY AGREES, NASA PROPOSES FOLLOWING COMPROMISE:

A. NASA WILL UNDERTAKE ORIGINAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MISSION AS PLANNED.

B. CREW WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS AIRCRAFT CAPABILITIES WITH REQUESTING ORGANIZATIONS, TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF REQUESTS, GENERAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS, DOCUMENTATION AND SO FORTH.

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C. COPIES OF DATA COLLECTED FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL MISSION WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH INSTITUTO FOR GOVERNMENT REQUESTORS TO EXAMINE TO SEE IF IT MEETS THEIR NEEDS, AND SERVE AS ACTUAL SAMPLE DATA IF AREA COVERED CORRESPONDS WITH THAT DESIRED.

D. AFTER REVIEW OF DATA, IF REQUESTORS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS, FORMAL REQUEST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, NASA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC 20546. VANCE

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